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SUBJECT: IRAQ: GOT PROVIDES DIP NOTE PUTTING SITE PREP MOU INTO EFFECT

REF: A) ANKARA 1005 B) STATE 36584 C)ANKARA 995

(u) Classified by Acting Deputy Chief of Mission Scott Marciel. Reasons: 1.5 (B and D)

1. (C) Late afternoon February 10, the MFA informed the Embassy via diplomatic note that the GOT had fulfilled all of the internal procedures necessary for the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) for Site Preparations that was signed late February 8 (ref a) to enter into force. Paragraph 2 contains the text of the MFA's diplomatic note. Para 3 contains the text of the diplomatic note the Embassy delivered to the MFA late February 8 following the signature of the MOU as authorized by the Department (ref b).

2. (U) Begin text of the MFA's diplomatic note (number 2003/ALGY/56737):

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey presents its compliments to the Embassy of the United States of America and with reference to Article VII of the "Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) between the Government of the Republic of Turkey and the Government of the United States of America, on the Establishment and Implementation of Basic Policy, Principles, Procedures and to Determine the Status of the Site Preparation Personnel of the United States of America in Turkey for the Purposes of Site Preparation Activities," signed in Ankara on February 8, 2003, has the honor to inform the Embassy of the fulfillment of all internal procedures necessary for the aforesaid MOU's entry into force.

The Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Embassy of the United States of America the assurances of its highest consideration.

End text.

3. (U) Below is the text of the diplomatic note (number 249) the Embassy sent the MFA on February 8:

The Embassy of the United States of America presents its compliments to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs of the Republic of Turkey and has the honor to inform the Ministry that the Government of the United States of America has completed all of its internal procedures necessary for entry into force of the Memorandum of Understanding between the Government of the United States of America and the Government of the Republic of Turkey on the Establishment and Implementation of Basic Policy, Principles, Procedures and to Determine the Status of the Site Preparation Personnel of the United States of America in Turkey for the Purposes of Site Preparation Activities, signed in Ankara on February 8, 2003.

The Embassy of the United States of America avails itself of this opportunity to renew to the Ministry of Foreign Affairs the assurances of its highest consideration.

End text.

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